

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

No claims have been amended or canceled. Claims 41-53 have been added.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) A door mounted on a structure for displacement between an open position and a closed position with respect to a door aperture in the structure, the door being connected to the structure by first guide means, which constrains a leading edge of the door, with respect to movement towards the open position, to execute an arcuate movement about an axis which is fixed to the structure, and by second guide means, which constrains a trailing edge of the door to execute a linear movement substantially parallel to the plane of the door aperture such that the trailing edge of the door remains substantially in the plane of the door aperture.

22. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 21, in which the first guide means comprises a door control lever which is mounted at one end for pivoting movement about an axis fixed to the structure, and is connected at the other end for pivotable movement relative to the door.

23. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 21, in which the axis of arcuate movement extends upwardly.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 22, in which the door control lever is one of two door control levers which are rigidly mounted on a common shaft which is rotatable about the axis.

27. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 26, in which the door control levers are connected to the door at the same perpendicular distance as each other from the axis.

28. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 21, in which the second guide means comprises a guide element mounted adjacent the trailing edge of the door, the guide element engaging a guide track which is fixed to the structure.

29. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 28, in which the guide track extends parallel to the door opening.

30. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 28, in which the guide track lies generally in a plane which is perpendicular to the axis of arcuate movement.

31. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 28, in which the guide track is one of two parallel, or almost parallel, guide tracks which are spaced apart in the direction of the axis of arcuate movement.

32. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 31, in which the guide tracks lie in or close to a common plane which is inclined to the axis of arcuate movement.

33. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 21, in which the door is curved about a generally horizontal axis.

34. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 21, in which the structure is a vehicle body having at least an outer skin.

35. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 34, in which the axis of arcuate movement is inside the outer skin.

36. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 34, in which the first guide means comprises a door control lever which is mounted at one end for pivoting movement about an axis fixed to the structure, and is connected at the other end for pivotable movement relative to the door.

37. (Canceled).

38. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 28, in which said structure is a vehicle body having at least an outer skin; and

the guide track is disposed in a channel formed in the outer skin.

39. (Previously Presented) A door as claimed in claim 21, in which said structure is a vehicle body having at least an outer skin; and

the guide track is disposed below a floor panel which is secured to the vehicle structure.

40. (Previously Presented) A vehicle having a door in accordance with claim 21.

41. (New) A door mounted on a structure comprising a vehicle body for displacement between an open position and a closed position with respect to a door aperture in the structure, the structure having at least an outer skin and the door being connected to the structure by first guide means, which constrains a leading edge of the door, with respect to movement towards the open position, to execute an arcuate movement about an axis which is fixed to the structure, and by second guide means, which constrains a trailing edge of the door to execute a linear movement substantially parallel to the plane of the door aperture such that the trailing edge of the door remains substantially in the plane of the door aperture, the second guide means comprising a guide element mounted adjacent the trailing edge of the door, the guide element engaging a guide track disposed in a channel formed in the outer skin, the guide track being fixed to the structure.

42. (New) A door as claimed in claim 41, in which the first guide means comprises a door control lever which is mounted at one end for pivoting movement about an axis fixed to the structure, and is connected at the other end for pivotable movement relative to the door.

43. (New) A door as claimed in claim 41, in which the axis of arcuate movement extends upwardly.

44. (New) A door as claimed in claim 42, in which the door control lever is one of two door control levers which are rigidly mounted on a common shaft which is rotatable about the axis.

45. (New) A door as claimed in claim 44, in which the door control levers are connected to the door at the same perpendicular distance as each other from the axis.

46. (New) A door as claimed in claim 45, in which the guide track extends parallel to the door opening.

47. (New) A door as claimed in claim 45, in which the guide track lies generally in a plane which is perpendicular to the axis of arcuate movement.

48. (New) A door as claimed in claim 45, in which the guide track is one of two parallel, or almost parallel, guide tracks which are spaced apart in the direction of the axis of arcuate movement.
49. (New) A door as claimed in claim 48, in which the guide tracks lie in or close to a common plane which is inclined to the axis of arcuate movement.
50. (New) A door as claimed in claim 41, in which the door is curved about a generally horizontal axis.
51. (New) A door as claimed in claim 41, in which the structure is a vehicle body having at least an outer skin.
52. (New) A door as claimed in claim 51, in which the axis of arcuate movement is inside the outer skin.
53. (New) A door as claimed in claim 51, in which the first guide means comprises a door control lever which is mounted at one end for pivoting movement about an axis fixed to the structure, and is connected at the other end for pivotable movement relative to the door.